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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE-TO-WORK COORDINATORS
ALL TRIBAL TANF ADMINISTRATORS
ALL TRIBAL CHAIRPERSONS
ALL COUNTY TRIBAL TANF LIAISONS

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) AND
CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO
KIDS (CalWORKs) TIME LIMIT EXEMPTION FOR RECIPIENTS
LIVING IN INDIAN COUNTRY WHERE THE UNEMPLOYMENT
LEVEL OF ADULTS IS 50 PERCENT OR HIGHER

REFERENCE: [ACL 04-20](#), [ACL 05-16](#), [ACL 06-23](#), [ACL 07-25](#), [ACL 08-28E](#),
[ACL 09-29](#), [ACL 10-24](#), [ACL No. 11-33](#), [ACL 11-41](#), [ACL 12-30](#),
[ACL 13-69](#), [ACL 14-108](#), [ACL 15-71](#), [ACL 16-68](#), [ACL 17-63](#),
[ACL 18-45](#); [MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES \(MPP\)](#)
[Section 40-107\(a\)\(4\)](#), [MPP SECTION 42-302.21\(i\)](#), [MPP Section](#)
[42-302.3](#); [CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS 45 C.F.R.](#)
[286.115\(d\)\(3\)](#)

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As provided in state regulations ([Manual of Policies and Procedures \[MPP\] Section 42-302.21\[i\]](#)), and in the [Code of Federal Regulations \(45 CFR 286.115\[d\]\[3\]\)](#), counties

and Tribal TANF programs are required to exempt individuals from the state and federal TANF program time limits for any month in which the individual is on aid and lives in Indian Country or an Alaskan Native Village where at least 50 percent of the adults were not employed.

The attached chart shows the Indian Country areas that responded to the CDSS survey indicating that the unemployment of adults was 50 percent or higher during calendar year 2018. Individuals who lived in these areas during 2018 qualify for the time limit exemption for those specified months. If an individual lived in Indian Country in an area not listed on the attachment, the individual, the county, or the Tribal TANF program may obtain written documentation from a federally-recognized tribe that the individual lived in an area where the unemployment of adults was 50 percent or higher. Such certification qualifies the individual for the time limit exemption and may be applicable to a complete calendar year or any month(s) in that year.

Please note that as of July 1, 2011, the CalWORKs time limit is 48 months and the federal TANF time limit for aid remains at 60 months. Instructions on the current CalWORKs time limit were issued in [ACL No. 11-33](#), dated April 29, 2011.

Counties are reminded that CalWORKs applicants and recipients must be informed of all program time limit requirements, including the process necessary to claim exemptions, as set forth in [MPP Section 42-302.3](#). Those individuals must also be provided with information regarding their accumulated time on aid at specific intervals, as required in [MPP Section 40-107\(a\)\(4\)](#). Those counties in which a Tribal TANF program operates may need to provide verification of clients' CalWORKs time on aid, including any time limit exemptions, to the Tribal TANF Program Administrator. The Tribal TANF Program Administrator will notify its clients of their remaining time on aid for purposes of the TANF 60-month time limit.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need additional information regarding the time limit, please contact your CalWORKs County Consultant or the CalWORKs Eligibility Bureau at (916) 654-1322.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

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Attachment

**INDIAN COUNTRY AREAS THAT QUALIFY FOR THE TANF AND CalWORKs PROGRAM
TIME LIMIT EXEMPTION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018 PER UNEMPLOYMENT OF
ADULTS AT A LEVEL OF 50 PERCENT OR HIGHER**

INDIAN COUNTRY AREA	PRIMARY ZIP CODE¹	COUNTY²
Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria	95551	Humboldt
Big Sandy Rancheria	93602	Fresno
Cahuilla Band of Indians	92539	Riverside
California Valley Miwok Tribe	95212	San Joaquin
Campo Reservation	91906	San Diego
Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria	95570	Humboldt
Cold Springs Rancheria	93667	Fresno
Elem Indian Colony of Pomo Indians of the Sulphur Bank Rancheria	95457	Lake
Fort Bidwell Indian Reservation	96112	Modoc
Fort Independence Indian Reservation	93526	Inyo
Guidiville Indian Rancheria	95481	Mendocino
Inaja-Cosmit Band of Indians	92025	San Diego
Ione Band of Miwok Indians	95669	Amador
Karuk Tribe – Happy Camp, CA	96039	Siskiyou
Karuk Tribe – Yreka, CA	96097	Siskiyou
Karuk Tribe – Orleans, CA	95556	Humboldt
Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria	95480	Sonoma
La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians	92061	San Diego
La Posta Band of Mission Indians	91905	San Diego
Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation	93545	Inyo
Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians	92086	San Diego
Manzanita Band of Mission Indians	91905	San Diego
North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California	93643	Madera
Pauma Band of Mission Indians	92061	San Diego
Potter Valley Tribe	95469	Mendocino
Resighini Rancheria	95548	Del Norte
Robinson Rancheria of Pomo Indians	95464	Lake
Round Valley Indian Tribes	95428	Mendocino
San Pasqual Indian Reservation	92082	San Diego
Santa Rosa Indian Reservation	92539	Riverside
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation	93460	Santa Barbara
Santa Ysabel/Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel	92070	San Diego
Sherwood Valley Rancheria	95490	Mendocino
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	92274	Riverside
Tule River Indian Tribe of California	93258	Tulare
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California-Woodfords-Hung A LeI Ti Community	96120	Alpine
Yurok Tribe – Humboldt County & Del Norte	95548	Del Norte

¹INDIAN COUNTRY AREAS REPORTING MAY EXTEND TO MORE THAN ONE ZIP CODE

²INDIAN COUNTRY AREAS MAY INCLUDE MORE THAN ONE COUNTY